Subject No. 128.

Substitution of primary examination in place of the Mysore Lower Secondary Examination.

Messrs. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, M. C. Ranga Iyengar, Madappa and Anantarajaiya of the Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that a primary examination may be introduced in palce of the existing Mysore Lower Secondary Examination in accordance with the implied recommendation contained in the Resolution of the Government of India on education.

Mr. Venkatkrishnaiya:—"The spread of education among the masses is desirable. It is not possible for all to be trained as far as the Lower Secondary Examination. A primary examination for the masses is desirable. This is not opposed to the Resolution of the Government of India as such an examination does not unnecessarily increase the number of examinations. The primary course should include practical lessons useful in after life. The primary examination may be oral and mark the completion of the first stage of education as stated in the Government of India Resolution. Some training in agriculture and local industries which enable boys to earn their livelihood should always be given in primary schools. The Lower Secondary Examination may be abolished for boys proceeding to a high school course of study."

Mr. Amble Annaiya Pandit—"School education must not be such as to interfere with the practice of the hereditary professions. The school hours require to be regulated accordingly. The curriculum of studies for agriculturists should be suitably revised and the physical strength of boys should be conserved. An oral examination for primary boys is necessary."

Mr. A Ramanna.—"Too many subjects are now taught in village schools to the prejudice of agricultural and industrial subjects. Education should not be such as to exhaust physical energy. A primary examination may be instituted."

Reply of Government.—This subject also will be referred to the Committee referred to in Subject No. 127.

Subject No. 129.

Education of the masses.

Mr. C. Vasudeva Rao, Chikmagalur.

Summary of discussion.—(1) Owing to smallness of pay, good teachers are not secured. Hence the pay of school masters should be increased.

(2) The condition that if accommodation is provided schools will be provided should not be insisted on.

Mr. Lakshminarasimhachar.—"Instruction in improved methods of agriculture such as ploughing, manuring &c., should be imparted practically. Demonstration farms may be attached to schools for practical education. Book lessons do not do much good."

Mr. Balavanta Rao of Arsikere.—"Boys not learning English have much time. Carpentry and other subjects may be taught in primary schools in the morning, *i. e.* by 10 o' clock when they close."

Reply of Government.—Noted. Government is moving in these directions as far as their means admit.